AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

- 1. (Currently amended) A method of manufacturing a transfer for application to a substrate, the method comprising the steps of
 - (a) applying an image to a carrier sheet; and
- (b) applying a cover coat over at least that area of the sheet to which the image has been applied to form a transfer suitable for application to a surface of an article,
- eharacterised in that wherein the image and/or the cover coat is applied using an ink jet printer.
- 2. (Original) A method according to claim 1, wherein the ink jet printer is a drop on demand printer.
- 3. (Currently amended) A method according to claim 1-or-claim-2, wherein the image is applied using a first ink jet printer having a nozzle orifice of between 125 and 500 µm and being operated at a frequency of greater than 1 kHz.
- 4. (Original) A method according to claim 3, wherein the first drop on demand ink jet printer is operated at a frequency of between 2 and 4 kHz.
- 5. (Currently amended) A method according to any of claims 3 to 4 claim 3, wherein the first drop on demand ink jet printer is operated at a pressure of approximately 3 Bar.
 - 6. (Canceled)
 - 7. (Canceled)
- 8. (Currently amended) A method according to claim 1-or-elaim-2, wherein the cover coat is applied using a second ink jet printer having a nozzle orifice of between 125 and 500 µm and being operated at a frequency of greater than 200 Hz.
 - 9. (Canceled)

- 10. (Currently amended) A method according to claim 8 any of claims 8 or 9, wherein the second drop on demand ink jet printer is operated at a pressure of approximately 3 Bar.
- 11. (Currently amended) A method according to claim 8 any of claims 8 to 10, wherein the material deposited to form the image has a viscosity of less than 300 cp.
- 12. (Original) A method according to claim 11, wherein the material deposited to form the image has a viscosity of less than 200 cp.
- 13. (Currently amended) A method of cover coating a transfer for application to a substrate, the method comprising the steps of:

coating a carrier sheet comprising one or more pre-printed images by applying a cover coat over at least that area of the sheet to which an image has been applied, eharacterised in that-wherein the cover coat is applied using an ink jet printer:

applying the transfer to a ceramic article; and

heating the article to fire the image to the article.

- 14. (Original) A method according to claim 13, wherein the ink jet printer is a drop on demand printer.
- 15. (Original) A method according to claim 14, wherein the drop on demand ink jet printer is operated at a frequency of between 600 and 2000 Hz.
- 16. (Currently amended) A method according to claim 14 any of claims 1 for 15, wherein the drop on demand ink jet printer is operated at a pressure of approximately 3 Bar.
- 17. (Currently amended) A method according to claim 14 any of claims 14 to 16, wherein the material deposited to form the image has a viscosity of less than 300 cp.
- 18. (Original) A method according to claim 17, wherein the material deposited to form the image has a viscosity of less than 200 cp.
- 19. (Currently amended) An ink jet printer configured to perform the method of <u>chamclaim lany-preceding-claim</u>.

- 20. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein the carrier sheet comprises a siliconised paper or card.
 - 21. (New) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

applying the transfer to a ceramic article; and

heating the article to fire the image to the article.

22. (New) A method of manufacturing a transfer for application to a substrate, the method comprising the steps of

applying an image to a carrier sheet using an ink jet printer, wherein the carrier sheet comprises a siliconised paper or card;

applying a cover coat over at least that area of the sheet to which the image has been applied to form a transfer,

applying the transfer to a ceramic article; and

heating the article to fire the image to the article.